

FACTSHEET

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

PURPOSE (State Constitution)

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) was established to hold title to all real and personal property to be held in trust for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. (Article XII, Section 5)

The Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was created to manage and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the lands, natural resources, minerals, and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in the State Constitution, Article XII, section 4, for native Hawaiians. The board also formulates policy relating to the affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians and exercises control over real personal property set aside by state, federal, or private sources and transferred to the board for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. (Article XII, Section 6)

The board exercises control over the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through its executive officer, the administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who is appointed by the board. (Article XII, Section 6)

GENERAL INFORMATION (HRS §13D-1)

The members of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, are elected at-large by qualified voters in the State of Hawaii who are Hawaiian. The board consists of the following nine (9) members:

- ! one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Hawaii
- ! one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Maui
- ! one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Molokai
- ! one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Kauai
- ! one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Oahu
- ! four (4) at-large trustees with no Island residency required

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS (HRS §13D-2)

- Hawaiian as defined in HRS §11-1
- Currently registered voter
- Residency on island for a seat requiring residency
- Meets provisions (resign to run) of Article II, Section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution
- Does not hold any other public office in state or county government

ELECTION OF MEMBERS (HRS §13D-4)

Members of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, are elected in a special election held in conjunction with the general election in every even-numbered year. Nomination papers must be obtained from and submitted to the Chief Election Officer in a prescribed manner. Contests are conducted in an at-large format, affording every qualified voter in the State of Hawaii the opportunity to vote for each and every candidate seeking election for any seat or jurisdiction.

TERM OF OFFICE (HRS §13D-5)

Each board member's term of office is four (4) years beginning on the day of the special election held in conjunction with the general election of the year in which they are elected and ending on the day of the special election held in conjunction with the second general election after their election. Members of the Board may be re-elected without restriction as to the number of terms.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEAT</u>	<u>NEXT ELECTION</u>
Hannah Springer	Resident of Hawaii	2000
Donald B. Cataluna*	Resident of Kauai	2000
Louis Hao	Resident of Maui	2002
Collette Machado	Resident of Molokai	2000
Clayton Hee	Resident of Oahu	2002
Rowena Akana	No Island Residency	2002
Haunani Apoliona	No Island Residency	2000
A. Frenchy DeSoto	No Island Residency	2002
Mililani B. Trask	No Island Residency	2002

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* Kauai OHA Trustee Moses K. Keale resigned on Oct. 31, 1999. The Board did not select a successor. The Governor appointed Donald B. Cataluna who took office on 01/27/00.